

BANKING ON CONTROL

If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and the corporations that will grow up around them will deprive the people of all property until their children wake up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered. — Thomas Jefferson

The real truth of the matter is...that a financial element in the large centers has owned the government of the US since the days of Andrew Jackson.

— Franklin D. Roosevelt

Every effort has been made by the Federal Reserve Board to conceal its powers, but the truth is...the Federal Reserve System has usurped the government. It controls everything here [Congress] and it controls all our foreign relations. It makes and breaks governments at will.

— Louis T. McFadden, ex-Chair, House Committee on Banking and Currency

CIA REMOTE-VIEWING REPORT

There is a CIA research report on "remote viewing", "psychic abilities" and "apport phenomena", dated 3 August 1964. It is designated as Information Report 00-B321-02171-64.

I've asked the CIA for a copy, but was



told that it is classified national security information and cannot be declassified. I believe that it is not currently and properly classified, but they have not reviewed it adequately for possible declassification because they have not even released the title page. If several dozen people ask for a copy, perhaps they will rethink their analysis on this document which, after all, is more than 32 years old.

If you are interested, just send a simple letter requesting a copy of Information Report 00-B321-02171-64, under the Freedom of Information Act, to:

Central Intelligence Agency
Information & Privacy Coordinator

Washington, DC 20505, USA.

Tell them that you would like all segregable portions of the document that can be declassified—even the title page.

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FIRST OFFICIAL ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE CLINICS OPEN IN USA AND CANADA

The King County Natural Medicine Clinic, the first federally funded clinical facility in the United States offering complementary alternative medicine as a primary care option, opened its doors in Kent, Washington state, on 21st October 1996.

Bastyr University in Seattle, an accredited institution of naturopathic and natural medicine, was chosen last July to be the lead agency to operate the clinic. Funded at a level of US\$750,000 in its first year, the clinic is being watched very closely by policy-makers and the media and will serve as a national model for future government-funded natural medicine clinics.

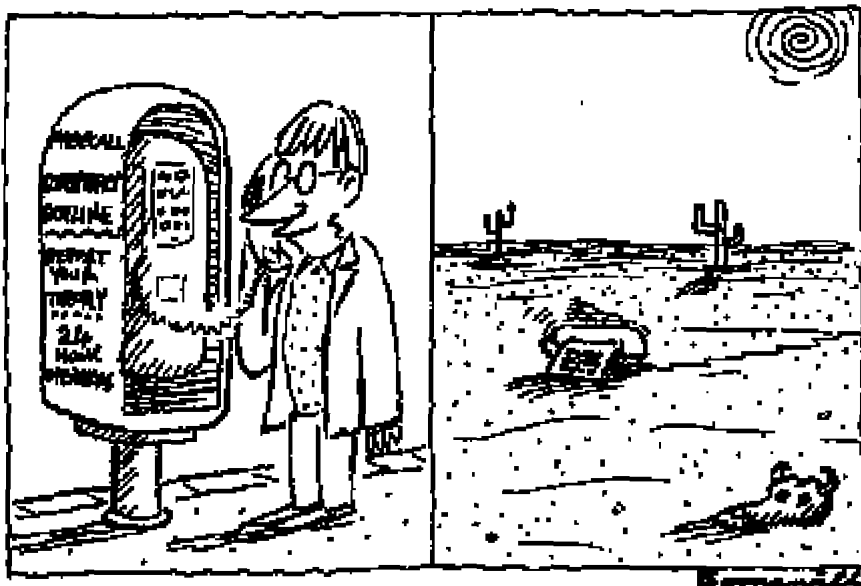
The establishment of the Natural Medicine Clinic, and the decision of the Washington state legislature and Office of Insurance Commissioner Deborah Senn in 1995 to require insurance companies in the state to cover licensed practitioners of alternative medicine, have catapulted Washington state into the forefront of the growing national movement to legitimise and make more widely available myriad credible, complementary alternative medical options.

In Canada, British Columbia's largest hospital has established the Tzu Chi Institute for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, an ambitious project aimed at integrating Western medicine with the traditional therapies of Asia.

"The mainstream health care system can't hide in a hole and pretend these alternatives don't exist," said Vancouver Hospital's President, Murray Martin. "Alternative medicine is everywhere."

The project is being initially funded by a generous endowment from the Tzu Chi Foundation, a Buddhist charity organisation based in Taiwan.

(Source: Peter B. Chowka and Michael S. Evers, Natural Health Village, <http://www.netvillage.com/>)



DID US GOVERNMENT KNOW OF OKLAHOMA BOMBING IN ADVANCE?

• The Portland newspaper the *Oregonian* (20 April '95) stated that Judge Wayne Alley, whose office is right across from the Murrah building, was warned several days prior to the blast by "security specialists" to take "special precautions". This story has never resurfaced.

• *USA Today* (20 April '95) reported that Harvy Weathers, of the Oklahoma City Fire Department, said that the fire department had received a call from the FBI prior to the bombing, stating that there would be "some people entering the city over the weekend". Weathers did not explain what this meant, but obviously an army of FBI were to enter the city, at least after the bombing later the next week, to destroy and fabricate evidence. So the question is, how did the FBI know this beforehand?

• Oklahoma State Representative Charles Key has said that he knows of two witnesses who overheard ATF employees state that they were warned *not* to come to work that day. Key also points out that bomb squad employees were seen in front of the building at 7.15 am, about two hours prior to the blast. Rep. Key has conducted his own investigation and was so shocked with the evidence he uncovered that he has compiled it into a video presentation.

• The McVeigh defence team is in possession of tapes of a call made by the FBI, several days prior to the 19 April '95 blast, to Oklahoma City officials warning of a possible terrorist event in the next few days. This was reported by the Associated Press. (As much as a try to save everything, alas, I failed to save this AP report, but I assure you it exists and I'll find it as soon as I can find access to an AP article archive, or if we hear about it again.)

• That bombs were found inside the building, while largely unknown, is no secret. It was reported widely on CNN and local news broadcasts on the day of the blast. Rescue operations were called off each time a bomb was found (i.e., up to four times), and Army bomb-disposal units worked to defuse the bombs. The bombs were found by bomb-sniffing dogs, which indicates that the bombs contained explosive material.

• KFOR-TV in Oklahoma City reported that two or more of the bombs found inside were "far larger in magnitude than the first that went off inside the building" (remem-

ber that seismic readings measured two blasts). A terrorist expert, Dr Randall Heather, then spoke, saying, "We have both of the bombs that were defused at the site and they are being taken apart."

One must assume, however, that these bombs were eventually misplaced by the FBI, as is common. The news coverage went on to say that another bomb was found strapped to a column next to the day-care centre.

It is important to note that such a column-strapped bomb is consistent with the blast pattern damage seen, which Brigadier General Partin, one of the top munitions experts in the world, says is *not* consistent with an ANFO truck bomb. He says that demolition charges had to be placed on the columns—and, sure enough, one was found that failed to go off.

But, like all these bombs, they just seemed to disappear into oblivion along with any continuing media reports or serious enquiries about these bombs. We are to believe that the building was gutted by a lone nut with a magic ANFO bomb—case closed!

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TV NEWS MEDIA ON TRIAL

Germans are horrified to learn they have been duped by television news programs. Michael Born, a television reporter, and his assistants are on trial, charged with forging 21 television reports and defrauding some

of Germany's most popular television news magazines of about US\$250,000. Episodes depicting hunting, the Ku Klux Klan, and even war were all made with friends and paid actors. "Born is not alone in the dock," said a media expert. "There is no way that he got away with it for so long without his bosses turning a blind eye. The pictures were too good to be turned down."

One of his 'exclusives' was footage of cats being hunted for their fur in Bavaria. A friend of Born posed as a cat hunter. He was filmed shooting a cat acquired from an animal refuge a few days earlier. Another faked 'scoop' featured drug-users licking 'addictive' glandular juices off the back of toads. Yet another was supposed to have depicted fighting along the Greek-Albanian border. Born admits that blood spattered on the ground was tomato ketchup and that the fighters were acting.

But the German TV news reporter didn't stop there. Mr Born had his mother help him sew sheets into Ku Klux Klan robes, and he then filmed actors burning crosses and chanting anti-Semitic slogans.

In the end, Mr Born's success was his downfall. German police began an investigation over the racial incidents. That's when they noticed the same person in two different reports!

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NASA PHOTOGRAPHS HUGE UFO IN SATURN'S RINGS

On 30 January 1996, the Alan Handlemann radio interview program on WRFX-FM, Charlotte, North Carolina, featured a former NACA (National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, now NASA) scientist, Dr Norman Bergrun, revealing that NASA's *Voyager* space probe took photographs of a cylindrical object, about 1-1/2 Earth diameters long, orbiting in the rings of Saturn. Dr Bergrun said that streamers could actually be seen along the length of the cylindrical object, implying the existence of exhaust ports.

Now, independent confirmation has been published in *Science News* (February 1996, vol. 149, no. 5, p. 71), where the Hubble Space Telescope was reported to have photographed a large, elongated non-satellite orbiting Saturn's rings in one photograph, but which disappeared from a follow-up photograph. Two other very big and very bright orbiting objects were photographed on 22 May '95 and 10 August '95, but they disappeared by 21 November '95.

Dr Bergrun believes that the cylindrical object is intelligently controlled and has attributes qualifying it as a space vehicle. When asked why NASA had not managed to get a photograph of the huge vehicle before, Dr Bergrun said that "they have a tendency to hide in their own exhaust". The former NACA scientist said that exhaust from the length and ends of the vehicle appears as the material constituting the ring.

When asked why NASA and other governmental agencies haven't released this information before, Dr Bergrun answered that the 1958 *Space Act* provides that space data can be withheld if something is found that may constitute a threat—and that a vehicle of this size would be considered a threat and would be deemed to have great military significance. As such, it would fall under the "top black-budget military intelligence agencies".

Dr Bergrun has presented his discoveries in a book, *Ring-Makers of Saturn* (1986), which contains the NASA *Voyager* photograph of this huge space vehicle orbiting in Saturn's rings.

(Source: Richard Boylan, rich.boylan@24stex.com)

COKE & CIGARETTES ARE TOPS AT AUSTRALIAN SUPERMARKETS

Despite tough advertising restrictions, health warnings and falling tobacco consumption, the Marlboro brand of cigarettes has increased its sales value in Australia by 78 per cent over the past year.

The annual brands report, compiled by A. C. Nielsen, ranks Australia's top 100 product names for the past financial year, based on the value of grocery store sales—and if brand names are anything to go by, Australia is a health fanatic's nightmare.

Out of the five best-selling brands in Australian grocery stores, four were cigarettes. Number one position went to Coca-Cola. Number six position went to Nescafé instant coffee; seventh was Pedigree Pal

dog food, followed by Kraft Cheese and Tip Top Bread; and the tenth most-purchased brand was Benson & Hedges cigarettes.

However, the report also revealed that sales of vitamin brands have jumped 1,076 per cent to A\$70million since 1985!

(Sources: *The Sydney Morning Herald*; *The Australian*; 1 November 1996)

UK SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS TO RECORD ALL NUMBERPLATES

Police and security agencies are placing large orders for surveillance cameras that will track the movements of millions of drivers in the UK.

Using sophisticated software, the cameras will read the numberplate of every passing vehicle, and automatically check it against a police database of known or suspected offenders.

As the network expands, it will be possible to find or follow any vehicle in Britain simply by typing in the registration number. The cameras will also be used to detect unregistered vehicles, enforce road laws and monitor traffic congestion.

Starting in spring 1997, Customs-operated cameras at ports will log the numberplates of every vehicle entering the UK.

(Source: *The Sunday Telegraph* [UK], 15 September 1996)

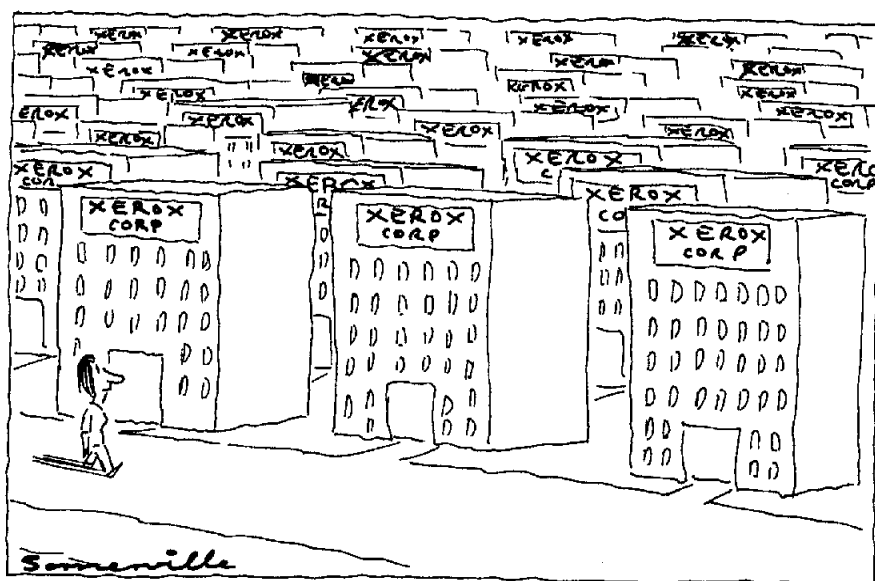
WARNING ON GENETICALLY-MODIFIED FOODS

The first deliveries of American genetically-altered soya 'superbeans' are arriving in UK and Europe amid storms of protest. The soya beans come from soya plants bred by the Monsanto chemical company for resistance to its Roundup herbicide.

Dr John Fagan, a professor of molecular biology from Fairfield, Iowa, has spoken out against such genetically-modified foods, claiming that they are a "significant hazard to public health" and should be withdrawn until tests prove there are no unwelcome side-effects.

Soya beans are particularly under fire, as approximately two-thirds of all British supermarket items, including breads, pastries, vegetable oils, ice cream, chocolate, cereals, margarine and processed meat products, contain soya.

Dr Fagan said: "Introducing a gene into another organism is a Russian roulette process: the position the new gene occupies is not controllable. We are being asked to partake in a nutritional experiment



of global proportions."

Under current UK and European laws, genetically-manipulated food does not have to have labelling to state that it is, or contains, a genetically altered foodstuff.

(Source: *The Daily Telegraph* [UK], 7 September 1996)

POLIO VACCINE VIRUS LINKED TO LUNG CANCER

A polio vaccine that was administered to millions of Britons in the 1950s and early 1960s is being linked to a virulent form of lung cancer, following the discovery that it was contaminated by a monkey virus.

Doctors have expressed concern at the latest studies in America which show that the virus, SV40, was found in several tumours.

It is estimated that between 10 million and 30 million Americans were given the contaminated polio vaccine.

The vaccine, cultured from monkey kidney cells, was used in mass vaccinations until 1961. After that, a new vaccine using human cells was developed.

(Sources: *New Scientist*, 24 August 1996; *The Sunday Telegraph* [UK], 1 September 1996)

DOCTORS CLAIM FLU VACCINE CAN CAUSE DIABETES

"After a presentation of our data, we were asked to evaluate the effect of a recent hepatitis B immunisation program in New Zealand on the development of insulin-dependant diabetes. We found a large epidemic of diabetes, 60% increase, occurred in New Zealand following this immunisation program, and believe the most likely explanation is that the immunisation program caused the diabetes epidemic."

These were the words of Dr J. Barthelow Classen, of Classen Immunotherapies Inc. in Baltimore, USA, in a letter to the *New Zealand Medical Journal*.

Dr Classen also warned in his letter:

"Based on this mechanism and our early finding that diabetes epidemics have followed the widespread use of the Haemophilus influenza B vaccine, we expect a second epidemic of diabetes to follow the Haemophilus influenza B immunisation program that was started in New Zealand in 1993/4."

(Sources: *The New Zealand Medical Journal*, 24 May 1996; Vaccination Information Network, PO Box 149, Kaeo, Northland, New Zealand)

WHEN THE NAMELESS SHAPE THE NEWS

by Norman Solomon

Ever wonder who all those "Western diplomats" are? How about the "senior administration officials" and other sources "speaking on condition of anonymity"? If you found an unsigned letter in your mailbox, you'd probably have doubts about the contents. But news stories often include statements by people who dodge identification—yet manage to get quoted and paraphrased with utmost respect.

Those nameless sources are rarely whistleblowers trying to give suppressed facts to the public while avoiding retaliation from their bosses. No, the sources who routinely shape the news are officials eager to promote current policies—but unwilling to stand publicly behind their words.

Early this month [September '96], *Newsweek* reported on "what a senior US official said was one of the largest Iraqi military buildups since 1991". The magazine quoted "a US official" who declared, "We have warned the Iraqis..." When spin doctors want to be anonymous, media outlets are glad to oblige.

As long as government policy-makers can plant and slant news stories while hiding behind nameless façades, they'll do so. And as long as journalists play along, they can claim that it's the only way to get officials to speak on sensitive topics.

Sometimes, unnamed sources say the darnedest and most outrageous things. But, unlike you or I, they won't ever have to answer for what they say.

So, there's still no way to identify the "high-ranking Western diplomat" who made light of political murders supervised by Gen. Augusto Pinochet during the Chilean dictator's 16-year rule. Last February 1996, a *New York Times* article quoted the diplomat's comment about charges that Pinochet had ordered the assassination of a pro-democracy commander in Chile's army: "It's one thing to kill a civilian whom you think is a Communist, but it's another to kill your own men."

News articles from foreign capitals often recite the views of "Western diplomats". The phrase drips with authority and objectivity, but it should set off alarm bells. When officials don such masks, they're usually trying to obscure the specific agendas they're pushing. In fact, a "Western diplomat" cited in the American press is commonly a US government official posted overseas—an embassy staffer or perhaps the ambassador. We'll never know. The reporter knows but has promised not to tell.

Meanwhile, journalists based in Washington are also in the habit of relying on anonymous sources. It was nothing out of the ordinary two weeks ago when the *New York daily Newsday* quoted "a senior US official" who condemned Iraqi attacks on Kurdish areas as "a very bold and very aggressive move that cannot be overlooked or ignored".

The same American official supplied the last words in the article, proclaiming that Saddam Hussein "is as clever as he is ruthless". It would be difficult to quarrel with such an assertion. But why did it have to be made behind a nameless cloak?

One of the main problems with media reliance on official sources—named and unnamed—is what they *don't* say. "Western diplomats" and "senior US officials" aren't likely to offer information that contradicts the government line.

This month, hundreds of news stories have touted White House concern for the well-being of Kurds. Official sources are hardly inclined to remind reporters that President Clinton has been shrugging while the Turkish government repeatedly bombs Kurdish enclaves. With the help of massive US military aid, Turkey's fierce attacks on Kurds occur on both sides of the Turkey-Iraq border.

News media are supposed to provide us with a window on the world, but much too often it's tinted red, white and blue—as if faraway events matter mostly because of how they affect US government strategists. That preoccupation was clear on PBS television the other night when *NewsHour* anchor Jim Lehrer read his script:

"We focus next tonight on the Kurds," said Lehrer. "They are a people often forgotten by history but whose latest fighting is causing major problems for the United States in the Middle East."

No doubt, many Kurds would be interested to learn that their suffering has significance when it causes "major problems" for Washington.

That's how the world looks when journalists see it through the eyes of American officials.

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